



# GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

## PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, AND WATER



Governor Whitmer understands the health of our economy is inextricably linked to the health of our people and our planet. She will work with anyone to protect clean air and water and face climate change head-on while creating good-paying jobs for Michiganders.

### Protecting our drinking water

- Enforced the strongest [Lead and Copper Rule](#) for drinking water in the country.
- Established [health-based standards for PFAS](#) in our drinking water supplies.
- Signed an executive directive to [improve Michigan's drinking water protections](#).
- Partnered with Attorney General Nessel to [hold polluters accountable](#) for contamination.

### Investing billions in water infrastructure

- Launched the [MI Clean Water Plan](#) and invested over \$2 billion to upgrade drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities across the state, supporting 30,000 jobs.
- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) that invested nearly \$2 billion, supporting 27,000 jobs, to remove lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants like PFAS and lead, rebuild water infrastructure, protect groundwater resources, and more.
- Signed a [FY 2023 budget](#) investing millions to protect drinking water.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to help communities access funding for water infrastructure.
- Helped secure access to drinking water during COVID-19 through the [Water Utility Assistance Program](#) and the [Water Shut-Off Protection Act](#).
- [Proposed](#) over \$520 million to help underserved communities remove thousands of lead service lines and help state and local health departments protect the public from water quality concerns.
- [Proposed](#) over \$280 million for water infrastructure, supporting thousands of jobs.
- [Proposed](#) \$40 million for local water affordability programs and signed a [supplemental budget](#) investing \$25 million to protect families from water shutoffs.

### Building a pathway for environmental justice

- Worked with Attorney General Nessel to achieve the [largest settlement](#) in Michigan history for Flint's children and families, totaling over \$600 million.
- Created the [Offices of the Clean Water and Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#) and created an [environmental justice screening tool](#).
- [Proposed](#) a \$100 million Environmental Justice Fund focused on improving air quality and cleaning up contamination in environmental justice communities.

### Defending the Great Lakes and our waters

- Took action to [revoke and terminate the easement](#) that allowed Enbridge Energy to run its dual oil pipelines through the Straits of Mackinac.
- [Deployed](#) and [proposed](#) funds to keep dangerous, invasive carp out of the Great Lakes.
- Made and proposed [historic investments](#) to protect the Great Lakes from agricultural pollution and increase local conservation practices, and [protect groundwater, remove dams](#), and more.

### Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), which aims to make Michigan 100% carbon neutral by 2050.
- Lead by example by deploying solar panels on state properties, powering government with [100% renewable energy by 2025](#), and lowering energy costs for state government.
- Signed bipartisan [budgets](#) investing [millions](#) in climate-resilient infrastructure, Michigan's Greenbank, and clean energy for state facilities, families, and small businesses.
- [Proposed](#) over \$1 billion to implement the MI Healthy Climate Plan, by accelerating deployment of renewable energy, utilizing climate smart farming practices, and more.

### Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) to invest \$450 million in state and local parks and an [FY 2023 budget](#) investing more than \$40 million in local park projects.
- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands through DNR programming.
- Created the [Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry](#) to grow Michigan's outdoor industry and expand outdoor recreation opportunities for families.
- [Proposed](#) Nature Awaits to give every 4th grader a free field trip to a state park or recreation area so that every kid can experience Pure Michigan.
- [Proposed](#) resources to expand our outdoor recreation industry and improve state parks.

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